

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 26: Population Management Seasons

Elk

Elk General Population Management Seasons

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,5)	Round Valley Hunt Area in Unit 1	Designated elk	200
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	2A	Designated elk	100
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	2B	Designated elk	100
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	3A	Designated elk	120
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	3B and 3C	Designated elk	100
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	4A and 4B	Designated elk	215
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,8)	6A, 19A, and 21	Designated elk	130
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,8)	12A and 12B	Designated elk	30
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,6)	Alamo Lake Hunt Area in Units 16A South and 44A	Designated elk	15
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	17A, 17B, 18B, 19B, 20A, and 20C	Designated elk	115
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	22	Designated elk	75
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	23	Designated elk	75
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	27	Designated elk	125
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,3)	28, 31, and 32	Designated elk	35
			Total	1435

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

Elk HAM Population Management Seasons

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Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,3)	28, 31, and 32	Designated elk	25
			Total	25

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Handguns, muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading handguns, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.

Elk Archery-Only Population Management Seasons

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	3B and 3C	Designated elk	100
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	4A and 4B	Designated elk	75
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,8)	6A, 19A, and 21	Designated elk	30
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	22	Designated elk	50
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	23	Designated elk	25
			Total	280

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

Javelina

Javelina General Population Management Seasons

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	1 and 27	Any javelina	20
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	3B and 3C	Any javelina	20
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	22 and 23	Any javelina	10
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	24A and 24B	Any javelina	10
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	28	Any javelina	50
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,3)	30A	Any javelina	50
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,3)	30B	Any javelina	50
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	31	Any javelina	25
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,3)	32	Any javelina	25
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,4)	35A	Any javelina	25
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,8)	37A	Any javelina	25
			Total	310

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

Javelina HAM Population Management Seasons

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	28	Any javelina	50
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,3)	30A	Any javelina	50
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,3)	30B	Any javelina	50
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	31	Any javelina	25
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,3)	32	Any javelina	25
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,4)	35A	Any javelina	25
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,8)	37A	Any javelina	25
			Total	250

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Handguns, muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading handguns, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.

Javelina Archery-Only Population Management Seasons

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Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	1 and 27	Any javelina	20
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	3B and 3C	Any javelina	20
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1)	25M, 26M, and 47M	Any javelina	25
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,4)	35A	Any javelina	25
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,8)	37A	Any javelina	25
			Total	115

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

Buffalo

Buffalo General Population Management Seasons

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,11)	5A and 5B	Designated buffalo	6
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,8,11,15)	12A, 12B, and 13A	Designated buffalo	150
			Total	156

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow, centerfire handguns, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, or all other rifles using black powder as prescribed in R12-4-304. Bow and arrow or centerfire handguns may NOT be used on Raymond Wildlife Area.

Bear

Bear General Population Management Seasons

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,16)	1 and 27	Any bear except sow with cubs	4
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,16)	3B and 3C	Any bear except sow with cubs	4
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,16)	4A and 4B	Any bear except sow with cubs	4
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,8,16)	20B and 21	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,16)	22 and 23	Any bear except sow with cubs	10
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,16)	24A and 24B	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,16)	28	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,3,16)	29	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,3,16)	30A	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,16)	31	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,3,16)	32	Any bear except sow with cubs	3
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,7,16)	34A	Any bear except sow with cubs	3
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,4,16)	35A	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,16)	35B	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
			Total	68

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

Bear HAM Population Management Seasons

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Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,16)	28	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,3,16)	29	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,3,16)	30A	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,16)	31	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,3,16)	32	Any bear except sow with cubs	3

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Handguns, muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading handguns, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318.

Bear Archery-Only Population Management Seasons

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Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,16)	1 and 27	Any bear except sow with cubs	4
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,16)	3B and 3C	Any bear except sow with cubs	4
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,16)	4A and 4B	Any bear except sow with cubs	4
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,8,16)	20B and 21	Any bear except sow with cubs	2
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,16)	22 and 23	Any bear except sow with cubs	2
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,16)	24A and 24B	Any bear except sow with cubs	2
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,4,16)	35A	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2008	(1,2,16)	35B	Any bear except sow with cubs	5
			Total	28

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

Notes:

- These seasons shall be held in accordance with R12-4-115 and may include shorter time frames, smaller geographic areas, and specification of legal wildlife within that described in this Commission Order.
- In accordance with R12-4-318, dogs may not be used to pursue bears between January 1 and July 31.
- Hunter access in Units 29, 30A, 30B, and 32 is extremely restricted. Applicants should not apply for these units unless they have secured access.
- The Fort Huachuca Army Garrison in Unit 35A is open to hunting only to properly licensed military and civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department.
- Round Valley Hunt Area in Unit 1 - That portion of Unit 1 beginning at the junction of AZ Hwy 260 and AZ Hwy 261; south on AZ Hwy 261 to FR 8070C; east on FR 8070C to FR 285; north on FR 285 to FR 74; east on FR 74 to FR trail 607 (Saffel Canyon Trail); east on FR trail 607 to AZ Hwy 191; southeast on AZ Hwy 191 to Nutrioso Creek; north along Nutrioso Creek to AZ Hwy 60; west on AZ Hwy 60 to AZ Hwy 191; south along AZ Hwy 191 to AZ Hwy 260; west on AZ Hwy 260 to AZ Hwy 261.
- Alamo Lake Hunt Area in Units 16A and 44A - That portion of Unit 16A south of Signal Road and east of the Yucca-Alamo Road; and that portion of Unit 44A north of AZ Hwy 93 (Alamo Road).
- The Santa Rita Wildlife Area in Unit 34A is actively used for studies in wildlife management. Researchers are present all months and study sites are not always recognizable; hunters are urged to use caution while hunting and take care not to disturb study sites.
- The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
- Restricted nonpermit tags for these population management seasons will be available to permit holders in corresponding big game seasons.
- Successful elk and/or buffalo hunters must check out and personally present their elk and/or buffalo for inspection at the Jacob Lake Checking Station in accordance with R12-4-308.
- Individuals that have previously harvested a buffalo in Arizona and have met the one (1) per lifetime bag limit are not eligible to purchase the restricted nonpermit tag for buffalo.
- 12A East Hunt Unit - that portion of Unit 12A located east of AZ Hwy 67 and south of U.S. Hwy 89A.
- 12A West Hunt Unit - that portion of Unit 12A located west of AZ Hwy 67 and also that portion of Unit 12A located north of U.S. Hwy 89A.
- 12B West Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 12B lying west of BLM Rd. 1065 and north of U. S. Hwy 89A from the BLM 1065/ U.S. Hwy 89A junction west to the Kaibab National Forest boundary.
- An unsuccessful hunter, or hunter who did not hunt, with a buffalo restricted nonpermit-tag for the House Rock Wildlife Area herd shall check out in person or by telephone at either the Department's Flagstaff regional office or the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters within three days following the close of the season. A successful buffalo hunter shall report information about the kill to the Department within five business days after taking the buffalo either in person at the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters or in person or by telephone at the Department's Flagstaff regional office. If the kill is reported by telephone, the report shall include the name of the hunter, the hunter's tag number, the sex of the buffalo taken, the number of days hunted, and a telephone number where the hunter can be reached for additional information (R12-4-306).
- As prescribed in R12-4-308, all hunters must contact an Arizona Game and Fish Department office in person or by telephone at 1-800-970-BEAR (2327) within 48 hours of taking a bear. The report shall include the hunter's name, hunting license number, tag number, sex of the bear taken, management unit where the bear was taken, and telephone number at which the hunter can be reached to obtain additional information. Within 10 days of taking a bear, the hunter shall present the bear's skull, hide, and attached proof of sex to a designated Arizona Game and Fish Department employee for inspection. If a hunter freezes the skull or hide before presenting it for inspection, the hunter shall prop the jaw open to allow access to the teeth and ensure that the attached proof of sex is identifiable and accessible (pursuant to R12-4-308). A premolar tooth will be removed during the inspection. Successful hunters are encouraged to contact the nearest Department office by telephone to coordinate inspections.

Special Notes:

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F or G license plus restricted nonpermit-tag for legal wildlife. Successful applicants for Population Management Hunts may not exceed the bag limit except as prescribed in R12-4-120.